

# Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program



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essential of success”*

— John W. Watts  
Hickory City Council

# Interagency Cooperation



## Partners With Legislated Responsibilities

North Carolina Department of Correction

North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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## Additional Partners

North Carolina General Assembly

North Carolina Governor's Office

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government

North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission

# Accomplishments



- Obtained Input From Sheriffs, their Personnel, and Interested Parties
- Presentations to Sheriffs, Jail Administrators, and Interested Parties
- NCSA Special Legislative Report
  - August 15, 2011
- Program Development by NCSA
  - September 1, 2011
- NCSA Report to JPS Oversight Committee
  - September 30, 2011

# Planning Criteria



## For 91-180 Days Sentenced Misdemeanants

- Average Inmate Population Per Year: 5,500
- Average Inmate Population Per Day: 1,415
- Average Length of Sentence: 120 days
- Beds Needed by January 1, 2012: 315
- Beds Needed by April 1, 2012: 1,400

\*Based on Department of Correction statistics from FY 08-09, FY 09-10, and FY 10-11

# NCSA Participation Survey



As of October 13, 2011

- Counties Responding to the Survey (to date): 63
- Number of Beds Volunteered: 1,043
- On-site Jail Capacity Surveys will begin October 17, 2011



# Pilot Program

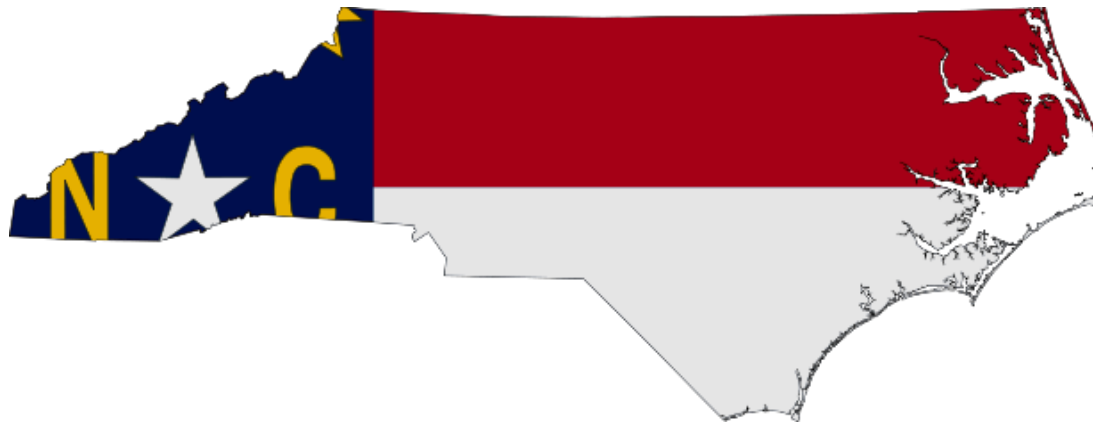


- Dates of Pilot Program: December 1 – December 31
- Counties That Have Volunteered to Participate in the Pilot Program (to date):
  - Mecklenburg
  - Gaston
  - Transylvania
  - Buncombe
  - Henderson
- Statewide Training for Sheriff's Office Personnel:  
November – December

# What happens January 1, 2012?



- Program becomes effective statewide on January 1, 2012



# Important Points to Remember



1. All convicted misdemeanants with a 91-180 day sentence will be assigned to this program
2. Housing inmates under this program by the sheriff's office is voluntary
3. Cost of Confinement is Paid with State Funding
4. Sufficient beds are expected; if there is any overflow, they will go to DOC
5. Inmates serving 91-180 day sentence and currently in DOC custody will complete their sentence in a state prison

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